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# *Nica air-strike deaths spell problem for Prez*

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Washington (News Bureau)—The death of two Americans in a rebel air strike against the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua has raised a potentially explosive political problem for President Reagan. Congress yesterday demanded to know if the Americans used air strips built or controlled by the United States in Honduras.

Rep. Ted Weiss (D-N.Y.) called on CIA Director William Casey "to provide the American public with a full account of direct or indirect CIA involvement with the Americans participating in this weekend's raid."

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said he will demand the CIA and other government intelligence agencies tell whether the two Americans took off from air fields built or controlled by the U.S. in neighboring Honduras.

He insisted that if the U.S. was permitting Americans to launch combat operations from bases it controls in Honduras, that "would violate every single thing that the administration has told us."

"I want to make sure that we're not getting into one of those wink-and-shrug situations where somebody from the government says, 'We really can't hire you, but go down the street and see Jose and tell him Joe Smith sent

you.' That's what I'm concerned about," Leahy said.

The U.S., which has financed and trained anti-Sandinista rebels in Honduras, has also built or upgraded seven military air strips and installed two sophisticated air stations in Honduras since 1983. More than 5,000 American troops have carried out joint exercises in the small nation and have trained several thousand Salvadoran Army troops there.

Nicaraguan Embassy offi-

cials said the two Americans—Dana Parker and James Powell 3d—were carrying hand-drawn maps that showed an air route from Jamastran in Honduras to Santa Clara in Nicaragua, where the Saturday air strike was staged, and from the huge U.S. air field at El Aguacate, Honduras.

The administration last year asked Congress for money to improve a dirt air strip at Jamastran.

The Reagan administration has denied any direct or indirect involvement with the air raid.

The leader of the organization, Tom Posey, said the two Americans were part of a band of seven U.S. citizens who joined his volunteer organization and traveled at their own expense to join anti-Sandinista insurgents in Honduras about a week before their deaths. Posey said his group provides food, clothing and medical supplies to rebels fighting to overthrow the government.